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**Inyo County** is centrally located on the eastern side of California. Mono County borders to the north, Fresno and Tulare counties to the west, Kern and San Bernardino counties to the south, and the state of Nevada to the east.

Inyo County's population is projected to reach 20,700 by the year 2020, an increase of 12 percent over the current population.

The 1999 annual average statistics show the civilian labor force to be 7,200 with an unemployment rate of 5.7 percent. The state's unemployment rate was 5.2 percent for the same year.

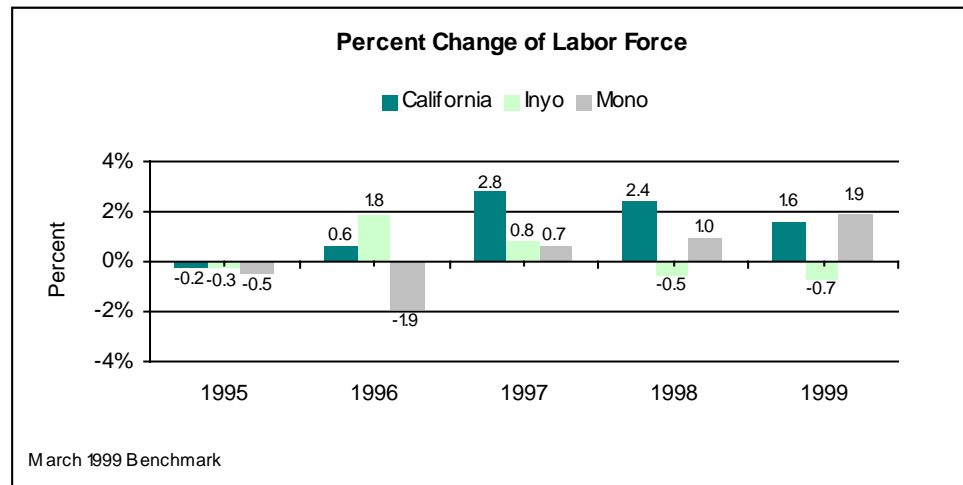
Government, the dominant industry division in Inyo County, accounts for 33 percent of all employment, with most of the jobs available in local government. Other significant industry divisions are services, at 24 percent, and retail trade, which makes up 23.6 percent of the total. Tourism is a major economic factor in Inyo County, evidenced by the fact that within retail trade, most of the jobs are available in the eating and drinking places sector.

Industry employment projections for the period 1997 to 2004 combine Inyo with Mono County. Projections for the two-county area indicate that most of the jobs in future nonfarm wage and salary employment will be in the same three sectors. Services is projected to grow by 10.5 percent, retail trade by 7.6 percent, and government will grow by 4.3 percent.

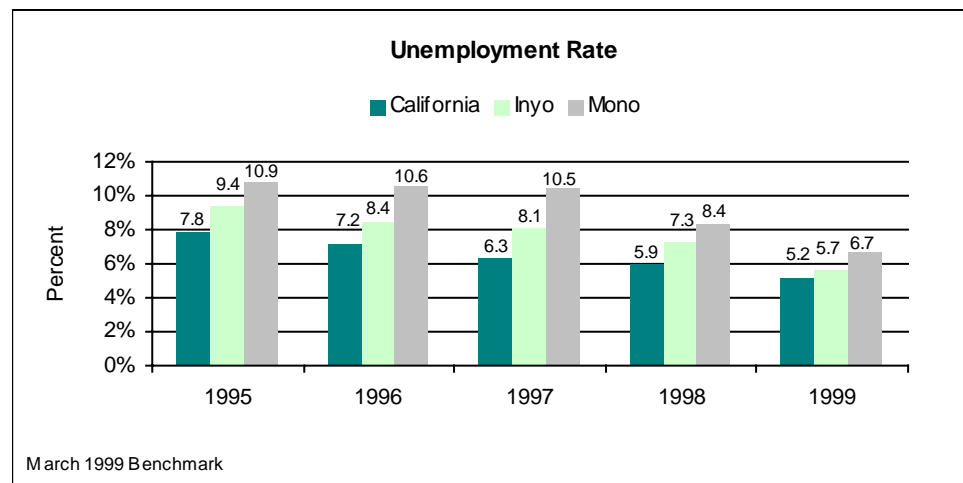
Despite fluctuations in labor force and industry employment, Inyo County continues to record declining unemployment rates, indicative of employment opportunities in the area.

## LABOR FORCE

From 1995 to 1999, the civilian labor force in Inyo County grew slowly, increasing 1.4 percent. The greatest year over growth, 1.8 percent, was recorded in 1996. Neighboring Mono County recorded 1.1 percent growth over the years 1995 to 1999 with the greatest growth, 1.9 percent, posted in 1999.

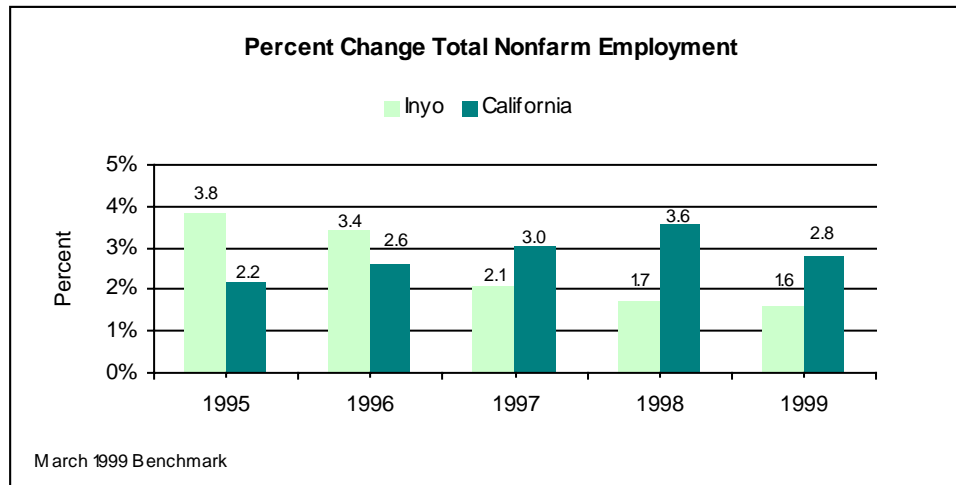


Since 1995, the annual average unemployment rate for both Inyo and Mono counties has declined, indicative of employment opportunities in the area. Inyo County recorded a 5.7 percent unemployment rate in 1999, down 3.7 percentage points from a rate of 9.4 percent recorded in 1995.

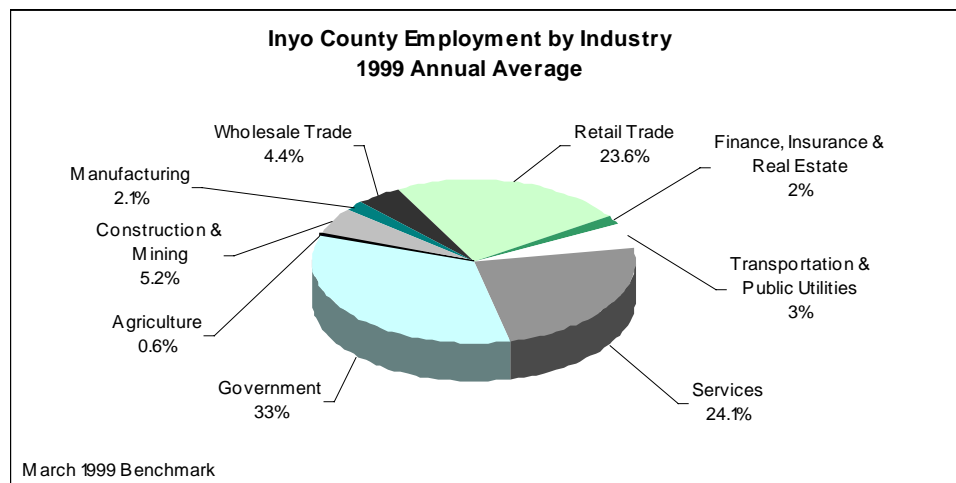


## INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

Over the years 1995 to 1999, Inyo County's nonfarm wage and salary employment increased by 9.1 percent. The county's recorded growth in 1999 was 1.6 percent with a majority of the new jobs available in the communications and public utilities industries.



In 1999, the government, services and retail trade industry divisions dominated Inyo County's employment. Projections in nonfarm employment for Inyo and Mono counties, combined, indicate that the same three divisions will account for 85 percent of the growth forecast for the period 1997 to 2004.



## OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Demographic trends, shifts in demands for products or services, technological innovations and the way business is conducted are some of the variables that drive employment in an occupation up or down. Also, occupations which have large employment and have high turnover rates generally provide the most job openings. Combined projections for Inyo and Mono counties indicate that there will be many employment opportunities in the high turnover occupations.

Associated Occupations	<b>SERVICES</b> <b>1997 – 2004 Projected Growth 10.5%</b>
	<b>Amusement, Recreation Attendants</b> – 40 job openings. Perform any of a variety of attending duties at amusement or recreation facility. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$7.43
	<b>Registered Nurses</b> – 30 job openings. Provide direct bedside care and assist physicians with examinations, chart the conditions of patients, give medication, and administer treatment as ordered by the doctor. May supervise auxiliary nursing personnel. Associate Degree. Median Hourly Wage - \$19.52
	<b>General Managers, Top Executives</b> – 20 job openings. Include both top and mid-level managers whose duties and responsibilities are too diverse and general in nature to be classified in any functional or line area of management and administration. Work Experience, plus a Bachelor's or higher. Median Hourly Wage - \$21.13
	<b>Instructors And Coaches, Sports And Physical Training</b> – 20 job openings. Instruct or coach groups or individuals in the fundamentals of sports. Demonstrate techniques and methods of participation. Moderate-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$10.78
	<b>First-Line Supervisor / Manager, Clerical ADM SUP</b> – 20 job openings. Directly supervise and coordinate activities of clerical and administrative support workers. Managers / Supervisors are generally found in smaller establishments where they perform both supervisory and management functions. Work Experience. Median Hourly Wage - \$12.86
Associated Occupations	<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> <b>1997 – 2004 Projected Growth 7.6%</b>
	<b>Cashiers</b> – 90 job openings. Handle cash and credit payments, make change, give receipts, account for all payments, and perform related clerical duties. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$6.93
	<b>Salespersons, Retail</b> – 70 job openings. Get the customer interested by describing the merchandise and showing how it is used. May also order merchandise, stock shelves, mark price tags, take inventory and prepare displays. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$6.92
	<b>First-Line Supervisor / Manager Sales</b> – 20 job openings. Directly supervise and coordinate activities of marketing, sales, and related workers. May perform management functions, such as budgeting, accounting, marketing, and personnel work. Work Experience. Median Hourly Wage - \$10.81
	<b>Food Preparation Workers</b> – 20 job openings. Keep kitchen work areas clean and orderly, keep restaurant equipment and utensils clean, move supplies and wash dishes, trays, pots and pans used in cooking and serving. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$5.92
	<b>Hand Packers And Packagers</b> – 20 job openings. Pack or package by hand a wide variety of products and materials. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$6.22
Associated Occupations	<b>GOVERNMENT</b> <b>1997 – 2004 Projected Growth 4.3%</b>
	<b>Corrections Officers And Jailers</b> – 40 job openings. Guard inmates in penal or rehabilitative institutions in accordance with established regulations and procedures. May guard prisoners in transit. Long-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$20.99
	<b>Engineering, Mathematical, And Natural Sciences Managers</b> – 10 job openings. Plan, organize, direct, or coordinate activities in such fields as architecture, electronic data processing, engineering, life sciences, physical sciences, statistics, and systems analysis. Work Experience, plus a Bachelor's or higher. Median Hourly Wage - \$39.84
	<b>Postmasters And Mail Superintendents</b> – 10 job openings. Direct and coordinate operational, administrative, management, and supportive services of a U.S. post office; or coordinate activities of workers engaged in postal and related work in assigned post office. Moderate-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$21.65
	<b>Foresters And Conservation Scientists</b> – 10 job openings. Plan, develop, and control environmental factors affecting forests, range land, and farm land and their resources for economic and recreational purposes through activities such as researching soil erosion, conducting fire prevention programs, reforestation, and preservation of natural resources. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$23.26
	<b>General Office Clerks</b> – 10 job openings. Perform a wide variety of tasks. Clerical duties may be assigned in accordance with the office procedures of the individual establishments and may include a combination of bookkeeping, typing, stenography, office machine operation, and filing. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$9.03

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